

REMARKS

Provisional election with traverse:

Applicants elect with traverse Group I (claims 1-6 and 12-13), drawn to layered composite material.

Argument:

Applicants herein distinctly and specifically point out errors in the restriction requirement as required by MPEP § 813.03(c).

The examiner cites MPEP 806.05(f) and states that the claimed layered composite material can be made by another and materially different process since it can be made by providing extruded material for the intermediate layer and providing a decorative layer. However, dependent claim 7 seems to be directed to the examiner's different process. Also, the materials for the individual layers are adjusted to each other in such a manner that the claimed process for the preparation of the composite material achieves an optimum strength of connection between the layers.

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